

بسم الله الرحمن الرحيم

In the Name of Allah, Most Gracious, Most Merciful

Islamic Eritrean Party for Justice and Development



Concluding Statement of Shura Council Meeting

Praise be to Allah by Whose grace good deeds are completed, peace and blessings be upon the Messenger of Allah (SAW), his family and his companions and those who follow them till the Day of Judgment.

: "And the Unbelievers said to their messengers: "Be sure we shall drive you out of our land, or ye shall return to our belief." But their Lord inspired (this The Almighty Says Message) to them: "Verily We shall cause the wrongdoers to perish! "And verily, We shall cause you to abide in the land, and succeed them. This for such as fear the time when they shall stand before My tribunal - such as fear the punishment denounced." But they sought victory and decision (there and then), and frustration was the lot of every powerful obstinate transgressor".

12-15 Verses – 'Ibrahim Surah

:Our struggling people

The Shura Council of the Eritrean Islamic Party for Justice and Development (EIPJD) held its fourth regular meeting from 28 to 29 of Jumada II 1439 AH corresponding to 16-17 of March 2018. At the beginning of the meeting, the Council's members offered prayers for the souls of the EIPJD's leaders who departed last year: Shaikh Arafah Ahmed Muhammad, the former Amir of Jihad Movement and the Military leader Saleh Siraj, (May Allah accept them as martyrs and grant them the highest level of paradise).

In its meeting, the Council extensively discussed the annual periodic performance reports of the General Secretariat, the Internal Control Committees, the General Auditor, and the Party's annual plan for 2018, in addition to other issues. Members commended the achievements made in 2017 Annual Plan at certain internal and external levels, as well as reviewing the shortcomings and limitations in specific internal and external areas and reasons behind. Accordingly, directives and decisions were passed to the General Secretariat to overcome the previous shortcomings that accompanied the performance.

The Council also evaluated the current various situations, at the level of EIPJD and the Eritrean opposition, and the National Council in particular, reviewing all the efforts and endeavors made to break the deadlock and overcome the obstacles that have beset the Council's march during the previous period. In this regard, the Council commended the positive, consensual agreement reached by the 18 parties recently in Addis Ababa with regard to the serious and prompt move to hold the second conference of the Council, meanwhile warning from sliding again in the quagmire of (disorientation) suffered by the Eritrean opposition as represented in the Eritrean National Council during the past two years, a fact that will not be tolerated or accepted anymore under any justification whatsoever.

The Council carefully evaluated all the sufferings of the people inside Eritrea and abroad as a result of the aggressive policies practiced by the bloody regime in all aspects of life, particularly the current starvation of the people and the regime is the primary reason of the sanctions imposed on Eritrea by the Security Council and the neighboring countries.

Our loyal nation:

The meeting hailed all forms of struggle and resistance of the free and honorable Eritrean nation in and outside the country, particularly those who bravely stood with the heroic and blessed popular uprising, led by the courageous national symbol Martyr Musa Muhammad Noor, may Allah have mercy on him, which reflected a chilling echo among all Eritreans worldwide. The Council also appeals to all the Eritrean people, who yearn for freedom, justice and dignity to renew their will and determination to join the battle for change which is aspired by all Eritreans but is unattainable without the efforts and struggles of all Eritreans, everywhere.

Our valiant people:

After reviewing the current regional and international conditions and policies and their various implications on the Eritrean situation overall, the Council called upon supporters of justice, democracy and freedom all over the world to unite with the Eritrean people and stand by their side to combat the oppression, repression and starvation committed by the

brutaland bloody regime of Isaias Afwerki and its practices of state terrorism, the recent of such oppressive practices include arresting children for compulsory military recruitment under the pretext of participation in the funeral of the national symbol Shaikh Musa Muhammad Nooras documented by Ms. Sheila B. Keetharuth, the first Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Eritrea. We request all international organizations to impose all serious pressures on the regime to uphold the legitimate rights.

Meanwhile, we do remind the regional countries which support Afwerki's regime that they are only contributing to extend the suffering of our people and to be wary that the Eritrean nation will never forget their adverse stance.

Victory, freedom and dignity for our noble people

Shame on the brutal sectarian regime

Shura Council

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17-18 March 2018

